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licant(s): MARUYAMA

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed on August 18, 2004 in connection with the above application, Applicant hereby elects Species B (Fig. 6). Applicant states that claims 1-5, and 7-10 read on this Species B of Fig. 6.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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